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Claims 1-28 are pending. Claims 15-28 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 3-5 and 7-14 are rejected. Claims 2 and 6 are objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim, but have been indicated to recite allowable subject matter, and have been rewritten in independent form. Applicant respectfully requests that the claims be amended prior to further examination of the present application, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the claim amendments and the reasons that follow. This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application, and a detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with appropriate defined status identifiers. Following amendment, claims 1-28 remain in the case.

Claims 15-28 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 15-28 are process claims for producing the product recited in claim 1. Following the allowance of claims 1-14, claims 15-28 must be examined in the present application under the doctrine of *In re Ochiai* and *In re Brouwer*.

Claim 8 is rejected under the second paragraph of Section 112. Claim 8 has been amended to replace Ni₃Sn-type and AuCd-type with B19 and DO19, respectively, based on the disclosure in paragraph 0042.

Claim 12 has been amended in response to the examiner's comment.

Claims 1, 3-5, and 7-14 are rejected under Section 102(e) based on Ohsawa *et al.* (US 6,936,352). Forwarded herewith is a sworn translation of applicants' priority document, which entitles applicants to rely on their priority date of January 24, 2003. This is before the February 28, 2003 filing date of Ohsawa *et al.* Accordingly, Ohsawa is not effective as a reference against the present application.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The

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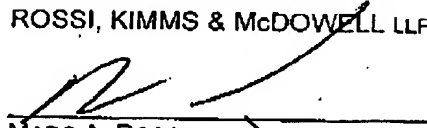
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Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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